

# USDA Forest Service

## Dakota Prairie Grasslands



October 3, 2014

### Trail and Campground Update

**McKenzie Ranger District:** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Watford City, ND

**Campgrounds:** CCC, Summit, Sather Lake, Bennett Campgrounds are open with potable water. There is no water at Summit. Horses are not allowed at Sather Lake. All campgrounds have been mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is in decent shape to the river crossing except for a slide near mile 74 that is still passable, although there is a protruding rock near mile 93.5 that may be difficult to pass with stock. Mowing has been completed— thanks to volunteers on the northern 97 miles of the trail with the exception of through the park. Long X, Wolf, Bennett and Birnt Hills trails are open; Cottonwood trail was rebuilt in the fall of 2013 and is open. Summit trail is closed.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Medora Ranger District** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

**Campgrounds:** Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Buffalo Gap, Coal Creek, Burning Coal Vein, and Whitetail are open. There is no potable water at Buffalo Gap, Whitetail or Coal Creek. All campgrounds have been mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is open from Sully Creek State Park and North. Volunteers have mowed this section of trail. The Maah Daah Hey is open from Bully Pulpit Trailhead to Burning Coal Vein and the 23 miles from Bear Creek Trailhead to Burning Coal Vein has been mowed. Buffalo Gap and Ice Caves trails are open.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Sheyenne Ranger District:** (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is mowed and cleaned and has water. Jorgen's Hollow is under construction.

**Trails:** The North Country, Hankinson Hills and Oak Leaf trails have all been mowed and cleared. Confidence markers have been installed on the new Oak Leaf Trail.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Picnic Area:** Blacktail is mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Blacktail trail is open.

**Other Reminders:** Please be prepared for changing weather conditions. All campground's are Pack in Pack out. Make sure your fire is dead out before leaving. Please report all vandalism to your local law enforcement.

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# USDA Forest Service

## Dakota Prairie Grasslands



August 14, 2014

### Trail and Campground Update

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**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is in decent shape to the river crossing except for a slide near mile 74 that is still passable, although there is a protruding rock near mile 93.5 that may be difficult to pass with stock. Mowing has been completed— thanks to volunteers on the northern 97 miles of the trail with the exception of through the park. Long X trail has some slumping. Wolf, Bennett and Birnt Hills trails are open; Cottonwood trail was rebuilt in the fall of 2013 and is open. Summit trail is closed.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Medora Ranger District** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

**Campgrounds:** Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Buffalo Gap, Coal Creek, Burning Coal Vein, and Whitetail are open. There is no potable water at Buffalo Gap or Coal Creek. All campgrounds have been mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is open from Sully Creek State Park and North. Volunteers have mowed this section of trail. The Maah Daah Hey is open from Bully Pulpit Trailhead to Burning Coal Vein and the 23 miles from Bear Creek Trailhead to Burning Coal Vein has been mowed. Buffalo Gap and Ice Caves are open.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Sheyenne Ranger District:** (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is mowed and cleaned and has water. Jorgen's Hollow is under construction.

**Trails:** The North Country, Hankinson Hills and Oak Leaf trails have all been mowed and cleared. Confidence markers have been installed on the new Oak Leaf Trail.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Picnic Area:** Blacktail is mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Blacktail trail is open.

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# USDA Forest Service

## Dakota Prairie Grasslands

July 24, 2014

### Trail and Campground Update

**McKenzie Ranger District:** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Watford City, ND

**Campgrounds:** CCC, Summit, Sather Lake, Bennett Campgrounds are open. There is no potable water at CCC, Bennett, and Sather Lake. There is no water at Summit. Horses are not allowed at Sather Lake.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is in decent shape to river crossing except for a slide near mile 74, there is a protruding rock near mile 93.5 that may be difficult to pass with stock, and some heavy vegetation throughout. Mowing has begun. Long X trail has some slumping. Wolf, Bennett and Birnt Hills trails are open; Cottonwood trail was rebuilt in the fall of 2013 and is open. Summit trail is closed.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Medora Ranger District** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

**Campgrounds:** Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Buffalo Gap, Coal Creek, Burning Coal Vein, and Whitetail are open. There is no potable water at Whitetail, Buffalo Gap, or Coal Creek. Picnic tables and fire rings are installed and ready to use at Coal Creek. We are working on the water system at Buffalo Gap and hope to have it fixed soon. The vault toilet at whitetail is scheduled to be open August 1st.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is open from Sully Creek State Park and North with some high vegetation. Volunteers have begun mowing near Medora. Be aware of river levels this time of year at both crossings. The Maah Daah Hey is open South from Bully Pulpit TH to Burning Coal Vein with the southern 23 miles from Bear Creek TH to Burning Coal Vein being freshly mowed. Buffalo Gap and Ice Caves are open.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Sheyenne Ranger District:** (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is mowed and cleaned and has water. Jorgen's Hollow is under construction.

**Trails:** The North Country Trail Association is hosting a "Volunteer Vacation" in mid-July, sponsored by the American Hiking Society.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Picnic Area:** Blacktail is mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Blacktail trail is open.

**Other Reminders:** Please be prepared for changing weather conditions. All campground's are Pack in Pack out (no trash services provided). Ticks and snakes inhabit the area. Make sure your fire is dead out before leaving.

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# USDA Forest Service

## Dakota Prairie Grasslands

July 11, 2014

### Trail and Campground Update

**McKenzie Ranger District:** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Watford City, ND

**Campgrounds:** CCC, Summit, Sather Lake, Bennett Campgrounds are open. There is no potable water at CCC, Bennett, and Sather Lake pending water sample results. There is no water at Summit. Horses are not allowed at Sather Lake.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is in decent shape to river crossing except for a slide near mile 74, there is a protruding rock near mile 93.5 that may be difficult to pass with stock, and some heavy vegetation throughout. Mowing has begun. Long X trail has some slumping. Wolf, Bennett and Birnt Hills trails are open; Cottonwood trail was rebuilt in the fall of 2013 and is open. Summit trail is closed.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Medora Ranger District** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

**Campgrounds:** Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Buffalo Gap, Coal Creek, Burning Coal Vein, and Whitetail are open. Buffalo Gap is getting a new pressurized water system and **no** water, showers, or flush toilets are available. The vault toilets are still open. There is no potable water at Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Coal Creek, or Burning Coal Vein pending water sample results. There is no water at Whitetail. Picnic tables were installed last fall at Coal Creek, fire rings are planned to be installed in May.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is open from Sully Creek State Park and North with some high vegetation. Volunteers have begun mowing near Medora. Be aware of river levels this time of year at both crossings. The Maah Daah Hey is open South from Bully Pulpit TH to Burning Coal Vein with the southern 23 miles from Bear Creek TH to Burning Coal Vein being freshly mowed. Buffalo Gap and Ice Caves are open.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Sheyenne Ranger District:** (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is mowed and cleaned and has water. Jorgen's Hollow is under construction.

**Trails:** The North Country Trail Association is hosting a "Volunteer Vacation" in mid-July, sponsored by the American Hiking Society.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Picnic Area:** Blacktail is mowed and cleaned.

**Trails:** Blacktail trail is open.

**Other Reminders:** Please be prepared for changing weather conditions. Ticks and snakes inhabit the area. Pack in and pack out. Make sure your fire is dead out before leaving.

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## Dakota Prairie Grasslands



July 1, 2014

### Trail and Campground Update

**McKenzie Ranger District:** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Watford City, ND

**Campgrounds:** CCC, Sather Lake, and Bennett Campgrounds are mowed and cleaned, and have water. Summit campground is cleaned and mowed; there is no water and no camping fee.

**Medora Ranger District** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

**Campgrounds:** All campgrounds are being mowed, toilets are being cleaned. Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, and Burning Coal Vein have potable water. Coal Creek has no water, awaiting the installation of a solar water pump. Buffalo Gap has no water, awaiting the installation of a pressure pump. The toilet at Whitetail is closed until we can get it pumped.

**Sheyenne Ranger District:** (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is mowed and cleaned and has water. Jorgen's Hollow is under construction.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Picnic Area:** Blacktail is mowed and cleaned, and there are still some fish in the pond!

**Trails:** All trails are open. The trail crew is working on slumps as they are reported. Mowing will begin later this summer, once it stops raining. The North Country Trail Association is hosting a "Volunteer Vacation" in mid-July, sponsored by the American Hiking Society. Sign up to volunteer!! Reminder – bicycles are prohibited in Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness.

### **New Campground Fees Proposed – Comments are Invited**

Coal Creek (Medora Ranger District) and Jorgen's Hollow (Sheyenne Ranger District) are newly constructed campgrounds on the Dakota Prairie Grasslands. The proposed camping fee at each of these campgrounds is \$10 per night. A fee change at Buffalo Gap Campground (Medora Ranger District), from \$6 to \$20 per night, is also proposed. These fees are based on the amenities available at each campground, and 95% of the fees are returned to the DPG for campground maintenance and improvements. To comment, please use the contact information below.

### **Other Reminders:**

Please be prepared for changing weather conditions.

Ticks and snakes inhabit the area.

Pack in and pack out

No fireworks are allowed on the National Grasslands.

Make sure your fire is dead out before leaving

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May 22, 2014

### Trail and Campground Update

**McKenzie Ranger District:** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Watford City, ND

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**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is in decent shape to river crossing except for a some trail slumping between mile marker 80-83, there is a protruding rock near mile 93 that may be difficult to pass with stock. Long X trail has some slumping. Wolf and Bennett trails are open; Cottonwood trail was rebuilt in the fall of 2013 and is open. Summit trail is closed.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Medora Ranger District** (Little Missouri National Grassland) in Dickinson, ND

**Campgrounds:** Magpie, Elkhorn, Wannagan, Buffalo Gap, Coal Creek, Burning Coal Vein, and Whitetail are open. Buffalo Gap is getting a new pressurized water system and **no** water, showers, or flush toilets are available. The vault toilets are still open. There is no potable water at Coal Creek pending water sample results. There is no water at Whitetail. Picnic tables were installed last fall at Coal Creek, fire rings are planned to be installed in May.

**Trails:** Maah Daah Hey is open from Sully Creek State Park and North with some trail issues from mile 30-38 and 42-45. Be aware of river levels this time of year at both crossings. The Maah Daah Hey is open South from Bully Pulpit TH to Burning Coal Vein. Buffalo Gap and Ice Caves are open.

**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

**Sheyenne Ranger District:** (Sheyenne National Grassland) in Lisbon, ND

**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is open, potable water is available.

**Trails:** North Country National Scenic Trail, Hankinson Hills trail, all trails open.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Trail:** Blacktail Trail and Picnic Area are open and in good shape.

#### Other Reminders:

**Maah Daah Hey Trail System Grand Opening** will be held **June 7-14, 2014. Ribbon cutting on June 7th at Sully Creek State Park at 11:00 am mtn.**

Please be prepared for changing weather conditions.

Ticks and snakes inhabit the area.

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# USDA Forest Service

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May 12, 2014

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**Restrictions:** No bicycles permitted though Theodore Roosevelt Wilderness

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**Campgrounds:** Hankinson Hills is open, potable water is available.

**Trails:** North Country National Scenic Trail, Hankinson Hills trail, all trails open.

**Grand River Ranger District** (Grand & Cedar River National Grassland) in Lemmon, SD

**Trail:** Blacktail Trail and Picnic Area are open and in good shape.

#### Other Reminders:

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